

Toler declares candidacy for 43rd District

Wearing a green blazer to remind people of his political affiliation, Randy Toler, leader of the International Green Party, formally declared his candidacy Thursday for the Democratic nomination in the 43rd Congressional District.

Toler recently moved to Anaheim, saying that he planned to run in the 39th Congressional District, represented by William Dannemeyer. But he now says that the 43rd, represented by Rep. Ron Packard, R-Carlsbad, is better suited to the issues he wants to stress in his campaign.

The 43rd takes in northern San Diego County and south Orange County. More significantly, it includes the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station, a prime target of the anti-nuclear activists Toler says will play a key role in his campaign.

The district is overwhelmingly Republican in voter registration. But Toler says he believes he can use the anti-nuclear issue and environmental stands, such as his opposition to off-shore oil drilling, will convert GOP voters.

He said he plans to move into the district "pretty soon."